

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicants: Gerard HARTNETT

Serial No.: New

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For: OBJECT ORIENTED TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM
CONTROLLER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO LESSEN FEES

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please CANCEL claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please ADD new claim 13 as follows:

--13. A ~~telecommunication controller comprising a control framework for control of telecommunication services, the control framework comprising an application domain level comprising control logic domain objects having object classes, characterised in that the framework further comprises, a meta level comprising meta objects which represent the domain object classes and comprise means for interfacing with telecommunication services to isolate the domain objects from said services.~~--

Please AMEND the claims as follows:

Claim 2, line 1, delete "A",
insert --The--;
line 1, delete "1",